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SUBJECT: THE FUGITIVE PETROLEUM BONANAZA

1. EL TIEMPO OF QUITO CRITICIZED OUTGOING MINISTER OF
NATURAL RESOURCES, CAPTAIN GUSTAVO JARRIN AMPUDIA AND
THE ECUADOREAN STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION IN AN OCT.
15 EDITORIAL HEADLINED "THE FUGITIVE PETROLEUM BONANZA."
BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW:

2. "IT WAS PRECISELY THE RAPID FLIGHT FROM THE COUNTRY BY
SEVERAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WHICH CAME HERE TO PROSPECT
FOR HYDROCARBONS, THE ASPECT WE CONSIDER THE WEAKEST POINT
IN THE MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE EX-MINISTER OF NATURAL
RESOURCES.

3. THE EDITORIAL ADDED: "WE REGRET THE FAILURE OF THE CALL FOR OPEN
BIDS BY THE ECUADOREAN STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CEPE) FOR
THE AWARD OF FIVE INTERESTING LOTS, AND WE BELIEVE THE MOMENT
HAS ARRIVED TO FORCE ONCE AGAIN THE COMPLETION OF WORKS THAT
ARE TRULY FUNDAMENTAL FOR ECUADOR."

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